

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Average	Average
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	55.6	72.3	46.9	56.8	61.5	61.5
• Passed 2 subtests	27.8	14.9	34.4	21.1	19.0	19.6
• Passed 1 subtest	13.9	8.5	12.5	13.1	12.4	11.5
• Passed no subtests	2.8	4.3	6.3	9.0	7.0	7.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	10.7%	14.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	10.7%	15.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	35.7%	41.8%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	96.9%	10.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	50.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	100.0%	12.0%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	94.1%	0.0%	
Female	100.0%	21.4%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	85.7%	12.5%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	100.0%	10.5%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	7.7%	
Pay for lunch	95.5%	13.3%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	77.1%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	30.0%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,301	N/A	\$5,814	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	86.3%	Up from 86.1%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	17.3 to 1	N/A	23.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=243)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	29.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.4%	No change	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.9%	Down from 8.2%	11.8%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=22)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.1 Days	Up from 8.3	7.6 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.4%	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	22.7%	Up from 14.3%	44.6%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	81.8%	Down from 85.7%	80.7%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	9.1%	Up from 0.0%	4.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.7%	Up from 79.9%	84.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$33,805	Up 8.3%	\$37,139	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	5.7%	Up from 5.0%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.6%	N/A	56.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	7.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	18.5%	N/A	64.5%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	9.5%	Down from 11.9%	10.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	5	N/A	33	29
• Gifted and talented	9.0%	Up from 3.8%	6.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Down from 12.7%	12.2%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	7.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	73	N/A	352	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	35.8%	N/A	26.8%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

We believe the greatest strength of Whitmire High School is the high quality of the instructional and administrative staff. We work well as a team for the benefit of our students. Staff members frequently function as counselors and mentors. Students benefit from this small, caring, but professional relationship thereby helping prevent serious problems that might occur in larger, more impersonal schools. Staff members and school administration are often deeply involved in extra-curricular activities such as field trips to historic and scientific locations. The staff and administration also support and are involved in many varied athletic, band, and student activities including community projects that help senior citizens, Christmas parades, and Halloween festivals.

This year the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools evaluated and accredited WHS. In their report they stated, "Nestled in the Piedmont of South Carolina, surrounded by the Sumter National Forest is one of the best kept secrets of Newberry County; the small community of Whitmire. The heart and soul of this community appears to be Whitmire High School...a small, rural school consisting of grades 7-12...the pride and support from the community are of a magnitude that many schools strive for, but never reach." We received 19 commendations, two recommendations for improvement, and 16 out of a possible 24 exemplary ratings.

Over the last several years we have added French, Latin, AP courses and courses to help students in math, reading and writing. This is not to say that we have no challenges. Three teachers had extended absences due to major medical problems causing us to replace them with substitutes. This year's Exit Exam scores dropped 11% in math and 6% in reading. Our PACT scores improved by 10% to 20% over last year except in 7th grade math. Next year we are doubling the class time spent in math for 7th and 8th graders and giving extra assistance to identified high school students. We also established a summer reading program to help students stay on task and be ready for the next year.

In summation, we feel with continued community and parental support our students will live up to their highest potential as productive, life-long learners.

Gary

J. Manuse

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	81.0	65.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	81.0	57.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	47.6	75.7	

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 7-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 243 Students

## Principal

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## Superintendent

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## Board Chair

Mr. Lee Attaway 803-276-6112

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Average



## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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